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SUBJECT: CATTLE FLY CONTROL

1. UNDP HAS RECEIVED COPY OF A LETTER FROM DR. SYDNEY E. KUNZ, RESEARCH ENTOMOLOGIST, TO FAO ROME. KUNZ STATES THAT HIS LABORATORY HAS MADE A MAJOR BREAK THROUGH IN CONTROL OF THE STOMOXYS FLY. APPARENTLY A CHEMICAL HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WHICH, WHEN APPLIED TO AN ANIMAL OR TO A RESTING SURFACE, RENDERS FEEDING OR RESTING FLY INFERTILE THUS INCAPABLE OF REPRODUCING. KUNZ APPEARS CONFIDENT THAT A PROJECT USING HIS NEW TECHNIQUES COULD RID THE ISLAND OF STOMOXYS IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS; NEW PROCEDURE MORE SURE AND ELIMINATES NEED OF PURCHASE OF AN IRRADIATOR TO STERILIZE MAURITIAN FLIES. HE WILL BE SENDING A COMPLETE RESEARCH PROPOSAL TO FAO BY FEBRUARY 1 AND RECOMMENDS THAT FAO NOT GO AHEAD ON THE PRESENT MAURITIUS STABLE FLY PROJECT UNTIL HIS PROJECT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED.

2. UNDP IS VERY INTERESTED IN NEW PROCEDURE AS STOMOXYS IS BIG INHIBITOR OF CATTLE BREEDING IN MAURITIUS. THEY NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT PROCESS, WHETHER THERE ARE SIDE EFFECTS, AND WHETHER OTHER INSECTS WILL BE AFFECTED. ALSO UNDP WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER UNDP/FAO EXPERT ENTOMOLOGIST NOW IN MAURITIUS COULD CONDUCT FIELD TRIALS HERE.

3. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONTACTING KUNZ FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AT FOLLOWING ADDRESS: USDA AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
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